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29 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

SUBJECT: NIE-61: Consequences of the Loss of the Indian Sub-
continent to Communism"

1. In view of Mr. Matthews' letter to you of 21 February, I have reviewed this project with the Board, and we will go ahead as best may be. We still feel that the project is of dubious value.

2. We will proceed on the basis of the question as reworded by Mr. Matthews and on the assumption that the subcontinent could fall even before Southeast Asia or the Middle East. I propose that we deal with the impact as follows:

(a) Economic: Most of this will be covered by the contributions to NIE-56. Most of these contributions are now in the hands of O/RR here. The remaining major contributions should be in within a week, and either O/RR or ourselves will then draft a country-by-country summary of the results. At first glance, the contributions appear to give us a better picture on the point than we had at the time of NIE-23.

(b) Military: This can hardly go beyond what your memorandum described as "a discussion of fairly obvious geographic factors and local military capabilities." The Defense agencies would be responsible for the necessary contributions.

(c) Political: This would fall entirely in your hands anyway, and we will ask that OIR draft this section.

(d) Psychological: Same as above.

3. For the sake of orderly production, we will proceed by the usual method of circulating Terms of Reference and holding a meeting of the IAC representatives. The only departure from our normal procedure will be the request that OIR do the drafting of sections (c) and (d).

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NIE-61 to be published as SE-32
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PRIORITY: Routine

Task Team: _____ 25X1A9a (Chairman)

Subject: Consequences of the Loss of the Indian
Sub-Continent to Communism in the
Period 1952-1953

Board Members Associated: _____ 25X1A9a
PROJECT

IAC directs
NEB initiates
Requested by State
CES issues memo

20 Dec 51

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TT submits draft	_____	resubmits	_____	resubmits	_____	
CES comments	_____	comments	_____	issues for NEB	_____	4 Feb
NEB considers	6 Feb	reconsiders	5 Mar	reconsiders	24 Mar	
TT redrafts	28 Feb	redrafts	24 Mar	redrafts	_____	
NEB approves for IAC Reps consideration	_____		_____		24 Mar	
Issued for distribution to IAC Reps	_____		_____		25 Mar	
IAC Reps consider	28 Mar	reconsider	_____	reconsider	_____	
O/NE ()	_____	()	_____	()	_____	
IAC Reps approve	_____		_____		28 Mar	
Issued, approved, to IAC Reps	_____		_____		28 Mar	

ESTIMATE

IAC contributions due	_____	25 Apr			
IAC contributions rec'd	(ONI)	25 Apr	(AF G-2)	28 Apr	
CTR (6 May)	()	_____	(State)	29 Jul	Suppl.
TT briefs NEB	_____				
TT submits draft	_____	resubmits	_____	resubmits	_____
CES comments	_____	comments	_____	issues for NEB	_____
NEB considers	10 Jun	reconsiders	13 Jun	reconsiders	16,17,23 Jun
TT redrafts	12 Jun	redrafts	23 Jun	redrafts	25 Jun
NEB approves for IAC Reps consideration	_____		_____		26 Jun
Issued for distribution to IAC Reps	_____		_____		30 Jun
IAC Reps consider	14 Jul	reconsider	12 Sep	reconsider	16 Sep
O/NE (rev. dft)	20 Aug	(Board mtg.)	4 Sep	(redft rep)	5 Sep
IAC Reps approve	_____		_____		16 Sep
Issued for distribution to IAC	_____		_____		19 Sep
IAC considers	25 Sep	reconsiders	_____	reconsiders	_____
O/NE ()	_____	()	_____	()	_____
IAC approves for publication	_____		_____		25 Sep

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